Gateway to Work Exemptions



Age 60 years and older

Your exemption starts the month you turn 60 years old

Caregiver

All months you are a primary caregiver for the following:

- A dependent child under 13 years old (your biological child, stepchild, foster child, sibling, step-sibling, grandchild, step-grandchild, or relative)
- A disabled dependent (your spouse, sibling, biological child, stepchild, foster child, sibling, step-sibling, grand child, step-grandchild, or relative)
- Kinship caregiver of an abused or neglected child (kindship caregiver means you are a relative to this child)

Certified temporary illness or incapacity

All months you have a temporary illness or incapacity determined by the following:

- You have an inpatient hospital stay covered by HIP
- You have an illness or injury certified by your doctor

Homeless

 All months you are homeless or do not have stable housing

Institutionalized

 Within the last 30 days, all months you have been in a hospital or facility for more than 1 day

Medically frail

 All months you have been determined medically frail by your health plan

Pregnant

 All months you are pregnant beginning the month you get pregnant and then for 2 months after delivery

Recently incarcerated for a period of at least 30 days in the past 6 months

 If you have been in prison or jail for at least 30 days in the last 6 months, you are exempt the month you are released and the 6 months following your release

Student (half or full-time)

All months you are enrolled and attending, a
postsecondary educational institution (like
college) or vocational school. Half time is at least
2 classes in a long semester or one class in a
short semester

Substance Use Disorder

- In treatment for a substance use disorder
- All months you are in substance abuse or addiction treatment

TANF or SNAP recipient

 All months you are receiving TANF (cash assistance) or SNAP (EBT card) benefits

Other possible exemptions will be reviewed for good cause on an individual basis.

Please contact your health plan to see if you qualify for a Gateway to Work exemption.